

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, JA  
SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER PROGRAM: 13TH GASOLINE STATION WORLD TOUR

REF: A) USDOC 7158 B) USDOC 6632

1. SUBJECT GROUP IS MADE UP OF 57 PEOPLE; APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THEM ARE RETAILERS AND 20 PERCENT ARE WHOLESALERS. NAMES OF LARGER FIRMS ARE ITOCHU NENRYO, NISSO PROPANE SEKIYU, MITSUBISHI SHOJI, SHOWA SEKIYU, MOBIL OIL, KYODO OIL, AND MITSUI BUSSAN CO., LTD. THE RANGE OF THE POSITIONS OF THE TRAVELLERS VARIES FROM SECTION CHIEF TO PRESIDENT.

2. THE GROUP PLANS ONE ADDITIONAL SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON TO BE GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE ON JUNE 2. ITS TITLE IS "PETROLEUM RETAIL DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING." THE API COORDINATOR IS RICHARD SOUTHERS.

3. PER YOUR REQUEST, WE HAVE PASSED INFO RE THE TRASLATORS' FEES TO MR. YOSHITAKE.

4. IN REGARD TO YOUR INQUIRY IN REFTTEL B, WE BELIEVE GROUP WOULD BE INTEREST IN HEARING PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED INCREASE IN U.S. FEDERAL GASOLINE TAX. A SECOND AREA OF INTEREST WOULD BE THE OPERATION OF INDEPENDENTS IF THIS IS NOT ALREADY COVERED IN THE API SEMINAR.

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TM EMBASSY IS POUCHING LIST OF PARTICIPANTS TO CONTROL  
OFFICE THELMA RETTIG.  
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